

Hessett Millennium Committee
2010 Annual General meeting Minutes
Held on Monday 22nd February at 8 p.m. in Hessett Village Hall

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chair Chris Glass chaired the A.G.M.

Present:

Chris Glass (Vice Chairman), Sheila Cocksedge (Treasurer), Michael Poulter (Secretary), Brian Last, Sue Last, Debbie Stringer, Alison Jones, Les Ward, Richard Brown, Kelly Ashford, Sarah Ashford, John Hendy, Julie Hendy, Peter Newlands, Tony Edwards, Charlie Spicer, Andrew Robinson, Jenny Hawes, Emma Jell, Jonathon Seeley.

Apologies for absence:

Martin Gibson (Chairman), Gill Rowe, Nicky Glass.

Minutes of the last A.G.M.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th July 2009 were made available for inspection. They were approved by the meeting and adopted.

Matters arising from minutes:

Mr Hendy asked why the short gap between the last A.G.M. and this one. It was explained that due to the chairman not being available the timing of last year's event slipped. There were no further matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

This was read out by Chris Glass on behalf of Martin Gibson's in his absence.

Another quiet year, with only the bonfire and fireworks event to comment on.

Despite there being only one, this event continues to demonstrate that there is a demand and that we have an excellent group of willing individuals who roll up their sleeves as and when the occasion demands.

Namely – The bonfire itself would be difficult to imagine without the input of Brian.

The girls have got the catering down to a fine art.

Michael and Nicky control the unruly rabble as it arrives and Chris does his usual thing of doing a whole range of items, which adds the glue to pull everything together.

But we must not forget that however important, none of this would likely happen if it were not for the time and expertise of Graham who each year produces a display which in my view is superior to many more prestigious events.

So, without mentioning everybody by name, my thanks to all for their continued effort and support for the year just gone and trust that we may enjoy similar this coming year.

Obviously the weather played an important (but negative) part this year and this has given us some additional work to do in trying to replenish the coffers so that it can continue.

That said, this might not be a bad thing as it means that there will be more social activity within the village, which hopefully will result in more people becoming involved. Every cloud etc.....!

As you will know, I am standing down as chairman and would just like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support over the last two/three years? (I forget)?

I never really wanted to be the chairman but agreed to do it at a time when there was a danger of the committee folding.

Whilst it remains low key I believe there is enough momentum to at least maintain the main event each November but hopefully also be able to accommodate a few additional ones in the intervening months.

I would be happy to remain as a committee member but as my attendance is likely to be disjointed (if my current work pattern continues); if there are others who would like to be involved then I would be equally happy to make way. I would however want to see the committee continue so I would be willing and eager to be drafted in as labourer / dogsbody at any time.

I'm not sure if this is the correct way of doing this, as I am quite obviously not in attendance. And I know Chris will not thank me for doing it, but I would like to him to consider re-taking the chair.

I was only ever a stand in and in my view he is the obvious choice in that he is actively involved in all aspects of the village. He knows everyone and gets things done and as I said previously he is the glue, which binds everything together. Therefore I would like to take the opportunity of nominating him as the new Chairman.

Chairman (departing) Martin Gibson.

Treasures Report:

The treasurer reported that our funds now stand at: Bank £2004.60, Petty Cash £33.51. A balance of £2,038.11. Outstanding is the Village Hall fees for 2009/2010 & a donation to St John's Ambulance.

There were no queries arising from these accounts.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by C Glass, seconded by D Stringer. Meeting unanimously agreed them.

Appointment of Chairman:

Chris Glass thanked the outgoing Chairman Martin Gibson for his work in keeping the committee and events going over the last year. This was endorsed by all those present.

Chris Glass then went on to explain that despite Martin Gibson's proposals he would not wish to stand as Chairman as he felt that younger blood with fresh ideas should take over. He did explain that if no one came forward he would do this for one year only.

He then proposed Kelly Ashford for the position. This was seconded by Brian Last.

Kelly Ashford stated that he would stand on a trial basis of a year as long as Chris Glass continued as Vice Chairman.

The meeting was asked if there was any other nominee for the post. Nobody came forward.

The proposal was put to the meeting and unanimously agreed.

The new Chairman Kelly Ashford then took over.

Election of Officers:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Vice Chair	Chris Glass	Brian Last	Chris Glass	Unanimous
Treasurer	Sheila Cocksedge	Chris Glass	Jenny Hawes	Unanimous
Secretary	Michael Poulter	Chris Glass	Sheila Cocksedge	Unanimous

Election of Committee:

Brian Last said that he thought that he should stand down to allow new faces onto the committee. After several comments from the meeting asking him to rethink he said that although he still wished to resign he would continue to give help wherever required.

Les Ward also said that because of his work auditing the accounts he would not stand for the committee but would give his support wherever required.

The following were unanimously elected.

Martin Gibson	Nicky Glass	Sue Last	Debbie Stringer
Alison Jones	Graeme Harris	Richard Brown	Gill Rowe
Sarah Ashford	Tony Edwards		

Any Other Business:

John Hendy asked if the committee was going to do anything concerning the possible closure of the village pub. After a general discussion it was thought that this committee could support any action to keep the pub open but it was not in their power to do anything more specific. A suggestion was made that further meeting should take place in the pub. It was agreed that the Chairman and Secretary would pursue this with the current landlord.

There were no further matters.

Date of next A.G.M.

This was set for 21st February 2011 at 8 p.m. in Hesselton Village Hall.

These are a true record of the 2011 AGM Minutes

Proposed	Seconded	Vote
Signed by Chairman	Date	